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New commander takes Air Force Recruiting reins

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
Air Force Recruiting Service Public Affairs

Air Force Recruiting Service welcomed its new commander during a change of command ceremony Monday.

Brig. Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot took command from Brig. Gen. Robertus “Dutch” Remkes, who headed AFRS since 2004.

General Vautrinot is the first female to lead Air Force recruiting in the service’s 52-year history. The general pinned on her new rank in a promotion ceremony preceding the change of command.

In her first address to the troops, the new commander lauded all Air Force Recruiting Service members for providing a first-class impression of the Air Force with an enthusiastic “commitment to excellence.”

“Everything I’ve seen in AFRS includes all of these qualities and more, and I promise to never change that,” she said. General Vautrinot also briefly addressed the challenges recruiting service, as well as all Airmen, face as budgetary constraints and manning reductions continue.

“The nation is at war, and the Air Force needs to become lean. Every one of us must do more, work smarter and more efficiently without losing one ounce of what we bring (to the service),” she said. “I am enthusiastic to lead and make the commitment that when I pin on the (recruiting service) badge, I am equally enthusiastic to be one of you.”

As the Air Force Recruiting Service commander, General Vautrinot leads four groups and 28 squadrons with more than 3,270 active-duty and 305 civilian recruiters and support personnel, assigned to locations in the United States, England, Germany, Italy,



Gen. William Looney (left) passes the Air Force Recruiting Service flag to Brig. Gen. Suzanne Vautrinot, new AFRS commander, during the change of command Monday. (Photo by Joel Martinez)

Japan, Puerto Rico and Guam. The organization is charged with the development, implementation and management of enlisted and officer recruiting programs.

Preceding her assignment here, General Vautrinot served as the Strategic Security deputy director for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air, Space and Information Operations, Plans and Requirements at U.S. Air Force headquarters in Washington, D.C. There she provided policy and guidance to Air Force

nuclear, space, counter proliferation and homeland defense programs.

The general received her commission from the Air Force Academy in 1982. During her 24-year career, she has commanded the 50th Space Wing and the 11th Space Warning Squadron at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., and the 614th Space Operations Group at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. She also served as the 14th Air Force operations chief and as the Aerospace Operations Center director at Vandenberg, and as the 4th Space

Operations Squadron operations officer, Falcon Air Force Base, Colo. Additionally, she served in staff assignments at U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Air Force Space Command headquarters, Joint Staff headquarters and at the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff office.

General Remkes was selected for promotion to major general and for reassignment as U.S. European Command headquarters plans and policies director at Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany.

ASIST program offers suicide intervention training

Suicide is a serious public health problem that affects individuals, families and communities, according to the Suicide Prevention Action Network.

It is the third leading cause of death among people ages 15 to 24 and the 11th leading cause of death among Americans, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 2005, 31 Air Force members committed suicide, including seven at Air Education and Training Command bases.

In an effort to help lower these statistics, the Randolph Integrated Delivery System committee is offering a two-day workshop designed to deal with

the causes of suicide and how to prevent it.

The Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program is offered Aug. 3 and 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the chapel center.

“The ASIST program provides training to Team Randolph individuals to show them how to intervene with someone who might be contemplating suicide thus decreasing the risk of a person taking their own life,” said Chris Morrow, ASIST trainer.

Participants in the workshop include people concerned about family or friends, mental health practitioners, volunteers and supervisors.

The program focuses on working in small groups




with an emphasis on learning how to recognize signs for help, how to reach out and offer support, and how to apply suicide intervention techniques.

Participants learn how to help a person who is at risk to stay safe and seek further help, before it is too late, said Ms. Morrow.

“Since many people who consider suicide share their problems, having someone they can talk to is important,” said Pat Aguon, ASIST trainer.

For more information or to sign up, call Ms. Aguon at 652-1706 or e-mail her at pat.aguon@randolph.af.mil.

(Courtesy of the Randolph Integrated Delivery System committee)

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AIR AND SPACE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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When those officials are unable to

provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Richard Clark
12th Flying Training Wing commander

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DUI UPDATE

Team Randolph's last DUI was March 18, 2006

Why we do it: A mechanics story

By Ronald Patterson
12th Maintenance Division commander

As you walk into the 12th Aircraft Maintenance Directorate main office area, you notice a wall plaque titled "Why do aircraft mechanics do it?"

On the plaque is a somewhat lengthy story by an aircraft mechanic telling how a pilot approached him one day and asked him "What keeps you going? Why do you work in the heat, snow or rain fixing airplanes day or night?"

The story goes on as the mechanic describes how a part of him is with the aircraft when the pilot is soaring with the eagles. He tells how he thinks of himself as the "surgeon" who has given the aircraft life and the pulse felt by the pilot through the flight controls.

He relays that he's been "bumped, bruised, pinched, poked, cut, scratched, scraped, skinned, burned, nicked, smacked and shocked." All of these things come with the territory.

The mechanic goes on to talk about the pride he feels in all the extra things he does as part of his everyday work.

This pride about "all the extra things" makes me reflect on all the "extras" our 12th MX aircraft maintainers accomplish on a day-to-day basis.

For example, whenever you attend an event with static display aircraft, it's our wing maintainers who've devoted hours of labor ensuring the aircraft is highly polished and towed into the proper position. It's our maintainers who led the Air Education and Training Command in submitting suggested technical order changes, who led the command in designing aircraft shelters, who refurbished a pavilion for base-wide use, who initiated actions to ensure Randolph acquires a state-of-art aircraft corrosion control facility, who led AETC in proposing and testing improved maintenance processes.

In reality, our list of "extra things" accomplished by the 12th Aircraft Maintenance Directorate is endless.

Our unwritten philosophy is: "If our people can do it, we'll do it and we'll do it well."

We aircraft maintainers are all civil service employees and we're all proud of our contributions to the Air Force.

However, as we look around Randolph and see the other civil service, military and contractor 12th FTW teammates and mission partners, it's easy to see many examples of the aircraft mechanic's culture and attitude.



Ronald Patterson

It's easy to see where all of us have a part in "flying" the aircraft mission and all of us are the "surgeons" giving the Air Force it's "life and pulse." All of us have been "bumped, bruised, scraped, smacked," and so on. So, it's appropriate we all ask ourselves, "Why do we do it?"

The answer, I believe, lies in the closing comments of the aircraft mechanic's story on the plaque.

"I am grateful to be an American and proud to be a maintainer," he said. "I know that in other parts of the world, there are others who perform the same tasks as we do. Their view on right and wrong, religion and family are also different. ... Some of these differences are threatening. Our country doesn't really ask that much of you and me in exchange for the life we often take for granted. So sir, I promise if you keep flying 'em, I'll keep fixing 'em."

A reminder of why the national anthem plays

By Maj. Mike Stolt
97th Flying Training Squadron

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – It was a hot Tuesday afternoon. I was leaving Building 402 after updating my base vehicle sticker.

As I walked toward the double-glass doors leading to the parking lot, I encountered a small group of people standing just inside the door – two Airmen, a civilian employee and a captain. As I reached for the door, the captain said, "You don't want to go out there right now."

I looked out and saw traffic stopped and several people standing in the hot July sun, gazing westward, some saluting, and some with their hands on their chests.

No, I didn't really want to go out there.

I stood with the group that now numbered five. No one spoke. One Airman made a call on her cell phone, the other shifted his gaze back and forth between his shoes and the wall. The captain sifted through a folder of papers. The civilian and I watched through the glass doors as a technical sergeant stood at attention, saluting ... a sweat ring growing on his back. It seemed to go on forever.

The base loudspeakers squeaked out the last notes of the national anthem. The cars rolled forward, the technical sergeant lowered his salute. The civilian pushed our door open and walked out. The rest of us followed. When the heat hit me, I felt fortunate that my timing had kept me inside.

I thought about that day for weeks. Images of the episode flashed through my mind as if I'd witnessed a crime – the glow of the cell phone on the Airman's cheek, the civilian's hand resting on the door, the glare of the sun, the heat.

I recently read an article about the war on terror and learned that we average 2.35 Americans dead and 10 wounded every day in the area of responsibility. That day

leapt back into my thoughts. A few hours of research helped me identify the date – July 14, 2005.

On July 14, 2005, 23-year-old Cpl. Chris Winchester and 22-year-old Cpl. Cliff Mounce were killed when their vehicle was targeted by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad.

On that day, 21-year-old Pfc. Tim Hines Jr. died when an IED hit his Humvee.

On that day, 34-year-old Staff Sgt. Tricia Jameson was killed by a secondary IED while she was treating a victim of the primary IED. She, Chris Winchester and Cliff Mounce all died in Trebil. We can assume she was treating Chris, Cliff or another in their group. She volunteered to go to Iraq and had been in-country three weeks.

On that day, four American Soldiers died in Iraq and numerous others were wounded.

On that day, four families were plunged into mourning.

On that day, I flew one sortie, sifted through e-mail, updated my base vehicle sticker and hid from the heat.

Why does it matter that I avoided participating in retreat? Some may think it's silly symbolism, that it's not real.

I believe anything that moves you or inspires you to search your heart is as real as the bomb that tore Chris Winchester's body apart last summer. Anything that forces an entire base to stop and listen to their thoughts for a while is real. Anything that causes you to pause and acknowledge that American Soldiers may be under fire is real.

As we five stood inside that doorway, the Soldiers killed and wounded that day may have been dying in the sand.

If my timing is ever again that perfect, I'll be ready with, "Yes, I do want to go out there right now." You may not come with me, but I'll bet you think about it for weeks.

If I had stepped outside to pay respect to the flag and the Soldiers who died that day, how long would it have taken? One minute and 28 seconds.

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Rudy's Country Store makes 'saucy' donation

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The family support center accepted a donation of \$10,000 from Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q restaurant chain July 14 during a special presentation ceremony.

The gift was just a portion of the \$30,000 the business raised during its "Sause for Soldiers" campaign, which donated a portion of its barbecue sauce sales profit over a three-month period to San Antonio military families.

Lackland Air Force Base and Fort Sam Houston also received \$10,000 each.

Ms. McKinley said the Randolph FSC plans to use the donation through its Friends of Family Services fund as grant money for base families in need.

"We are so happy to have this money," said Elizabeth McKinley, Randolph Family Support Center director. "Last year we were able to help more than 200 families from this fund but this means

we can be even more generous this year in helping people with real needs."

Doc Holiday, co-founder of Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q restaurant chain, came up with the "Sause for Soldiers" campaign in 2005 as a special effort to support military families. That year, his local restaurants raised \$6,000 in one month. He said he wanted to do even better this year.

From April 3 to July 4, the three Rudy's restaurants in San Antonio set aside \$2 from the sale of each large bottle of their special "Bar-B-Q Sause" to raise the \$30,000. Mr. Holiday then traveled to the three San Antonio bases to present each one's family support center with a \$10,000 check.

"We want to thank Mr. Holiday and his people for making it possible for us to continue our outreach," said Ms. McKinley. "This kind of generous support is what helps to bring the San Antonio military and civilian communities together."



Doc Holiday (left), co-founder of Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q in San Antonio, presents a check for \$10,000 to the Randolph Family Support Center as part of the restaurant chain's continuing work to support military families. Receiving the check (from left to right) are Lt. Col. Robert Jackson, 12th Mission Support Squadron commander, Elizabeth McKinley, Randolph FSC director, and Master Sgt. Kavooss Shamloo, FSC superintendent. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

AFAS offers spouses training, college grants

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The family support center recently received a community grant from the Air Force Aid Society to assist active duty military spouses stationed at Randolph with training or college courses that will better prepare them for future employment opportunities.

Spouses interested in the grant must make an appointment with Chris Morrow, family support center community readiness consultant, before July 28 to discuss the grant and their education plan.

After the initial interview, those individuals still interested must then submit a proposal detailing their planned use of the grant.

A panel, chaired by Ms. Morrow, will review the proposals in August and decide who should be awarded the grant.

"The grant is one way folks can benefit from their donations to the Air Force Aid Society," said Steve Mayfield, AFAS officer. "It's available to spouses who do not already have an educational degree and who are seeking specialized training."

The amount given to applicants depends on the training program the person applies for and how many people have applied.

"A Better Business Bureau check is made, if

"The purpose of the grant is to get spouses into the job market."

Chris Morrow
Family support center
community readiness consultant

needed, to ensure the training source is reputable and that the training will help the spouse in future employment efforts," Ms. Morrow said.

She added that the grant also covers applicable online courses.

The grant is aimed toward spouses seeking training in the computer, medical or tourism fields, but spouses may apply for any field they feel will help them.

"The top three employment areas in San Antonio have been identified as the computer, medical, and tourism fields, which is why the grant focuses on applicants in those areas," said Ms. Morrow. "But we will still consider each proposal individually."

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Ms. Morrow at 652-5321 Ext. 236.

12th Flying Training Wing Mission Statement

Training the world's finest Airmen for tomorrow...
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Antionette Newton-Rogers

Unit: Air Education and Training Command
Civil Engineer Directorate
Duty Title: Program assistant
Hometown: Chicago
Hobbies: Spending time with family, reading and shopping
Goals: To go back to school and get my degree in theology
Greatest Accomplishment: Having my children and preaching my first sermon

Personal Inspiration: Jesus Christ lives!
Personal Motto: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. It's a privilege to serve him."
Pet Peeve: People who give up without even trying
Commander's Comments: "Mrs. Newton-Rogers is infectiously upbeat and positive in providing outstanding support to meet organizational mission objectives. Her dedication and stamina keep workflow, administrative requirements and schedules on track. She is actively engaged in her church and local community, single-handedly raising three children ranging in ages 9 to 17. Her military spouse has been on unaccompanied tours-of-duty for over three years and was recently deployed to Afghanistan for a year. Mrs. Newton-Rogers is an inspiration and a beacon of perseverance to all who know her."

Col. Leonard Patrick
AETC civil engineer

To submit a junior officer, enlisted member or civilian employee for the Showplace Showcase column, commanders can send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice at lindsey.maurice@randolph.af.mil. or call her at 652-5760 for details.

Attention officers

AF announces education opportunities

Air Force officers interested in 2007 developmental education opportunities must begin the application process in August.

A completed Air Force Form 3849, PME/AFIT/RTFB Officer Worksheet, and senior rater nomination are due by Aug. 18 for officers applying for the Olmsted Scholarship, White House Fellowship, Mansfield Fellowship or Information Assurance Scholarship programs.

The application process and program details, to include board convening dates, eligibility criteria and timelines are available on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site at http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/docs/dpa/developed/de_inf_o_web_screen.ppt.

Application packages should be sent no later than Oct. 31 to HQ AFPC/DPAFE, 550 C St. West, Ste. 32, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4734. Incomplete or late packages will not receive consideration.

The Olmsted Scholarship Program provides an opportunity for Air Force officers to study in a foreign language at an international university abroad. The purpose of the program is to provide officers with an in-depth understanding of a foreign language and culture so they will be knowledgeable and sensitive to the viewpoints and concerns of people around the world as they progress in their Air Force careers. More

information is available at www.olmstedfoundation.org/.

The President's Commission on White House Fellows selects 11 to 19 citizens each year. The program's purpose is to give highly motivated Americans an opportunity to gain firsthand experience in the process of governing the nation and a sense of personal involvement in the leadership of our society. For more information, visit www.whitehouse.gov/fellows.

The Mansfield Fellowship Exchange Program allows a select group of federal employees to develop an in-depth understanding of Japan, learn how its government works and establish relationships with their counterparts in the Japanese government, business, professional and academic communities. For more information, visit www.mansfieldfdn.org/.

The Information Assurance Scholarship Program was established by the Department of Defense to increase the number of qualified personnel entering the field of information assurance to meet the increasing dependence on information technology for war-fighting and the security of its information infrastructure. For more information visit www.defenselink.mil/nii/iasp-dodmembersmain.htm.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

NEWS BRIEFS

Change of command ceremonies

- Col. William Stephens takes command of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Region 4 from Col. Angela Layman during a ceremony today at noon in the officers' club.

- Col. Paul Bennett takes command of the 12th Medical Group from Col. June Gavron during a ceremony July 28 at 8:30 a.m. in the enlisted club.

Retirements

Senior Master Sgt. Shelby Clay of the 19th Air Force Logistics Division retires from the Air Force in a ceremony today.

Enlisted education records

The Air Force Automated Education Management System is now the official system of record for base education centers.

The Randolph Education Center will no longer maintain paper copies of education records for Airmen. Enlisted members who want their paper records should stop by the education center, located in Building 208, to pick them up by July 31. For details, call 652-5964.

12th FTW quarterly award winners

The 12th Flying Training Wing honored its second quarter award winners during a ceremony July 13 at the enlisted club.

The winners are:

- Capt. Francisco Rivera, 12th FTW wing staff
- Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Jones, 12th FTW wing staff
- Travis Ward, 12th Operations Group
- Tech. Sgt. Adrian Saenz, 12th Mission Support Group
- Jeffery Schultz, 12th Maintenance Directorate
- Airman 1st Class Valerie Montgomery, 12th Medical Group
- Jenny Dimmer, 12th OG

MOAA luncheon

The Military Officers Association of America Alamo Chapter holds its regular luncheon Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. The featured speaker is local radio talk show host Ricci Ware. The cost is \$16. To make reservations, call 228-9955.

Youth sports physicals offered

The Randolph clinic offers sports and school physicals Aug. 1 between noon and 4 p.m. by appointment only for children ages 7-18.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany their child for the entire exam. Children should wear a T-shirt and shorts, bring their glasses or contact lenses and completed school or sports forms along with shot records to the appointment.

For appointments, call 916-9900 or go online at www.tricareonline.com.

Pre-kindergarten registration

Active duty military parents who reside on base and have a child turning 4 years old on or before Sept. 1 can register that child for pre-kindergarten classes Aug. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Randolph Elementary School.

Texas Move Over law being enforced

The Texas "Move Over" law requires drivers passing a police or emergency services vehicle which has its lights flashing to either vacate the lane closest to the emergency services vehicle on a highway with two or more lanes or slow down to 20 mph less than the posted speed limit.

Citations are now being issued for violations of this law.

COMMANDER CONNECTION

This column introduces new unit commanders to the base community.

Lt. Col. Randy Lawson

99th Flying Training Squadron



- **Date of command:** June 30
- **Hometown:** Clifton, Va., and Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- **Unit mission:** Producing today's T-1A instructor pilots and combat systems officers for tomorrow.
- **Key to success in the Air Force:** "A positive attitude will get you farther than a negative one. Be the first to stand up and say it can be done."
- **Previous assignments:**
Air Education and Training Command Headquarters

9th Special Operations Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla.

- **Vision for the unit:** Continue to develop the highest caliber instructor pilots and combat systems officers by maintaining an exceptionally qualified cadre of instructors and keep the training relevant to today's expeditionary Air Force.
- **Memorable Air Force experience:** "Walking across the stage at Columbus AFB, Miss., and receiving my wings from my father."

Uniform board to release updates

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – An update to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Air Force Uniform Dress and Appearance, will soon be released, said Air Force officials.

A key feature of this updated instruction will be the return of heritage to the enlisted corps – chevrons on the sleeves and circles around the U.S. insignia.

"Over the years, we've made changes that made sense at the time, but had the effect of moving us away from our heritage," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley. "Chevrons on sleeves and circles around the U.S. insignia are historical symbols of the finest noncommissioned officer corps on the planet. We need to return that heritage to them and reconnect them to the great NCOs who went before them."

The circle around the U.S. was eliminated in 1991, said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos of the Air Force Uniform Board.

"Yet, every uniform board since received requests to return that to the enlisted force, so it has been done," she said. "Wearing the circle on the lapel has a lasting heritage that dates back to April 27, 1918."

The change will include the removal of senior NCO shoulder boards from the blue uniform and from all upper garments, except the optional wool sweaters. Implementation dates will be reflected in the revised AFI.

The updates will also include information about the new air staff badge and new space badge. Desert combat uniforms are now only authorized on civilian flights to and from the area of responsibility. Also, Air Force personnel are not authorized to wear desert boots with the battle dress uniform.

As a reminder, Oct. 1 marks the mandatory wear of physical training gear. All Airmen will be required to have one running suit, two T-shirts and two pair of shorts. Also beginning in October, enlisted Airmen will receive an increase in their clothing allowance to offset the increase of the mandatory number of T-shirts and shorts from two sets to three sets in October 2007.

Air Force officials emphasized that Airmen should not wait until October to purchase these items. The revised AFI will clarify wear of the PT gear by specifying that when doing organized PT, the shorts and T-shirts will be worn as a set and not mixed with civilian clothes; however, at other times the PT gear, to include the running suit, can be worn with civilian clothes.

More clarification will be provided about sister service badges, as well as cell phone use in uniform. New guidance about the wear of flight clothing also is incorporated in the updated document.

The new AFI will be available for all Airmen later this month.



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What’s in store: Thrift shop opens with new look

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
Wingspread editor

After two weeks of renovations, the base thrift shop opened its doors to customers last week.

As part of the new look, customers can find both the donation, shop property items and consignments collocated throughout the store with distinctive tags, an expanded furniture section, a library section, children’s section and other subtle differences.

“We had about 15 volunteers come in over a three-day period and help us with the bulk of the work such as painting, building new shelves, and moving items around into new locations,” said Anita Levan, shop manager. “It took a lot of hard work, but it was well worth the effort. We’ve had very positive feedback from the majority of our customers so far.”

Louise McKeethen, who has been a thrift store customer since before the renovation, said she appreciated the new look.

“I can tell they worked really hard,” she said. “I like how they added a baby room and the library section is really nice.”

The store, which is run by the Randolph Officers’ Wives and Enlisted Spouses clubs, features thousands of items from furniture, clothing and electronics to antiques, jewelry and toys.

“We’ve sold all types of items, even the kitchen sink – literally,” said Ms. Levan.

“The thrift shop is a great asset to the base,” she said. “Not only is it a way for people on base to consign or donate items as well as to buy used items at a reasonable price, but all of the proceeds go back to the local military and civilian community.”

Any profit the store makes after expenses is divided between the OWC and ESC’s charitable funds committees, which in turn use the money toward scholarships and other community outreach efforts. Between May 2005 and April 2006, the store made more than \$58,000.

The store is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon for consignments and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sales. It is located in Building 662, behind 19th Air Force.

Anyone on base with a valid Department of Defense ID card can consign up to 12 items a day, with an 80 percent profit on sales. The other 20 percent goes to



Andrea Shannon, base thrift shop volunteer, wraps a figurine in tissue paper for a customer at the checkout counter. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice)

the thrift shop. Items can remain in the store up to eight weeks. People can also advertise items on the store’s bulletin board for a small fee.
For more information, call 658-5990.

FSC collects school supplies

By Armando Perez
12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

The Randolph Family Support Center sponsors a school supply drive now through Aug. 11 for the upcoming school year.

Known as “From Big Hearts to Little Hands,” the school supply drive aims to help low income and single-parent Randolph families.

“This is a great way to help the base community,” said Steve Mayfield of the FSC. “Items such as pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters, notebook paper, dividers and index cards are all things we are collecting. Any donation is greatly appreciated.”

People interested in helping can do so in two ways. Participants can either sponsor an individual child or donate supplies that most children will need during the school year.

According to Mr. Mayfield, The Big Hands to Little Hearts program is set up similar to the Angel Tree program seen during the Christmas holiday.

Participants can obtain an individual

child’s school supply list from the FSC now through July 28. Once they select a list, they then go shopping for all or half of the supplies on it. Items should be turned into the FSC by Aug. 8.

Participants can also help by dropping off individually purchased school items at the FSC or in the box of a participating base unit. Mr. Mayfield asks those units or organizations interested in participating in the school supply drive to contact him at the FSC. Unit boxes must be dropped off to the FSC between July 31 and Aug. 8.

“The emphasis of the school drive is placed on lower-ranking individuals, single-parents, persons with multiple school-aged children, and members experiencing financial hardships who are not able to purchase the school supplies for their children,” said Mr. Mayfield. “Participating families must provide a supply list published by their child’s school.”

Those families participating in the drive may pick up their donated school supplies at the FSC Aug. 9-11.

For more information call, 652-5321.



Billy Steverson checks to see if the wood he cut fits on the piece of furniture he is building. (Photos by Steve White)

Carpenters welcome at wood skills center

By Armando Perez

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

The 12th Services Division offers a variety of recreational activities that cater to all customers and guests. One of its many amenities, located on the south end of the base, is the wood skills center.

Do-it-yourself carpenters can bring their projects to the wood skills center and use a variety of equipment to help get the job done right, said David Slaughter, wood skills center lead carpenter.

"The center is a great place to work and learn," he said.

But before customers can use the center's equipment, they must attend a mandatory safety course that describes the various machines and how to use them properly.

"The course lasts about two hours and customers are given handouts on all of the equipment," said Mr.

Slaughter. "After reviewing the materials the staff then introduces each machine and gives the customers the opportunity to use the equipment while under close supervision to make sure they're using them safely."

At the end of the certification course, customers are given a card specifically for the Randolph Wood Skills Center. Customers must be at least 16 years old to take the certification course. The course costs \$25 and is offered every Tuesday.

Customers can also purchase items already made at the center, such as flag boxes, coin cases, plaques and shadow boxes.

"We have books and catalogs for customers looking to purchase a specific item too," said Mr. Slaughter. "Customers can also make requests for items to be built by the staff. Provided the customer has a general idea of what they want, we should be able to build it for them."

For items needing to be built or restored, the staff charges a flat fee of \$15 per hour, plus materials. Should a job be too big for one carpenter to finish, a \$30 fee will be assessed to get the job done fast and efficiently with more than one carpenter.

Mr. Slaughter added that customers may also bring in furniture for restoration projects to either work on themselves or by staff members for the flat rate.

In addition to its services, the wood skills center also provides safety equipment for customers and some wood to help get projects started. However, the staff prefers customers bring their own wood for projects as the shop has a limited supply.

The staff also offers assistance on how to start a project, get the correct materials, figure out the cost and determine the amount of time a project will



Daniel (left) and Rey Coronadol try to complete their rubber-band dragster during a workshop held by the wood skills center.



David Slaughter, head carpenter at the base wood skills center, measures lumber for a flag display box as he prepares to make the first cuts on a radial arm saw. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice)

take. They also offer how-to books for certain projects customers wish to accomplish.

The wood skills center can accommodate up to 10 people at a time depending on how big or how small the project may be. The center charges customers \$2.50 per hour to use its equipment.

Customers must also take all of their materials home with them at closing time or they can leave materials and unfinished projects at the wood skills' storage facilities for \$35 a month.

Children's classes are also offered at the wood skills center the third Saturday of every month. The shop recently held a class for children to build a rubber-band dragster from pre-cut wood kits.

The next class, which is Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon, teaches children how to build an airplane push toy. The deadline to sign up for classes is one week prior to the class, but walk-ins are welcome on the day of the class.

"All of the wood we use in the children's classes is pre-cut," said Mr. Slaughter. "Children do not come in contact with the equipment at the shop. They are taken to a separate area for assembling their projects."

For more information about the wood skills center, call 652-7422.

AFPC/DPAA soundly defeats AFPC/DPP 12-1

By Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice
Wingspread editor

After giving up one run in the first inning, the Air Force Personnel Center Airmen Assignments Division shut out the AFPC Personnel Programs Division for the rest of the game to grab a 12-1 victory in extramural softball action July 14.

AFPC/DPAA's scoring run was highlighted by three two RBI doubles from Cindy Bell and Vince Colo and a home run from Darren Obermeyer.

"We played a great game tonight," said DPAA coach Marc Gilbert. "We're definitely improving with the season – finding our positions on defense and making some big plays."

AFPC/DPP took an early lead in the top of the first inning with an RBI single from Christopher Gage. But with two quick fly outs to DPAA's left center fielder Lesley Hall and short stop Tricia Campbell, the Assignments Division took to the plate.

Pete Waltz hit a double into center field to open up the bottom of the first, followed by Bell's first two-RBI double to left field.

Hall garnered a third run off of a base hit to right field, with another from Scott Foresman against the center field fence for a 4-1 lead. With two outs on the board, Colo sent two more runs home with a double to left field before a final fly out to DPP short stop Jimmy Jones ended the inning.


The next few innings went quick as both team's infield's made quick outs. DPAA pitcher B. Jordan teamed up with Foresman at second and first baseman Obermeyer to turn a fierce double play in the top of the third.

DPAA's Waltz extended the team's lead to 7-1 in the bottom of the third with an RBI single to left field. Obermeyer kicked off another DPAA scoring run in the fourth inning as he powered a home run over the left field fence. Hall then hit another RBI double to left field for a 9-1 DPAA lead, before a final ground out to the pitcher closed the inning.

After another scoreless inning by the Personnel Division, DPAA fired away again as Waltz hit another RBI single to right field. Bell closed out the game with a final two-RBI double down the left field line for the win.



Darren Obermeyer, Air Force Personnel Center Airmen Assignments Division, anticipates the catch to force out AFPC Personnel Programs Division's Bill Relyea. (Photo by Dave Terry)

	SOFTBALL STANDINGS as of Tuesday	<u>Mon-Wed Intramural</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Tue-Thu Intramural</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Extramural</u>		<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
		AFRS		8	1	AFMA/CON		6	0	JPPSO		3	0
		12 CS		6	3	AFPC		5	1	AFOMS		3	0
		562 Students		5	3	AETC CSS		4	2	12 CPTS		3	0
		562/Charlie-Delta		4	5	12 OSS		3	4	AFPC/DPAA		2	1
		AETC/DO		2	7	Fire Dept.		2	4	AFAA		1	2
12 MDG		1	7	562 Instructors		1	3	AFRS		0	3		
				12 SFS		0	7	AFPC/DPP		0	3		
								AFMA		0	3		

SPORTS BRIEFS

3-on-3 basketball tournament

The fitness center hosts a three-on-three basketball tournament Aug. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The first team to reach 12 points or to score the most points within 15 minutes wins. There is a 12 team limit.

Pre-registration runs through Thursday at the fitness center.

Cardio endurance challenge

The fitness center's cardio endurance challenge runs Aug. 7-14. During the challenge, customers earn points for every cardiovascular exercise machine or aerobics class they complete. Some of the machines include the treadmill, upright bike, elliptical trainer and rowing machine. Classes include step aerobics, kickboxing, body toning and cycling. Those who complete a certain amount of tasks within the week earn a prize.

Customers can pick up a score card at the fitness center main desk.

Men's varsity basketball team

The fitness center hosts a pre-season men's varsity basketball team meeting Aug. 9 at 3 p.m. All active duty members, Department of Defense civilians and family members interested in participating are encouraged to attend.

Basketball coaches wanted

The men's and women's varsity basketball teams are looking for qualified individuals to coach in the 2007 season. The season runs from October 2006 to March 2007.

Those interested should contact Rikk Prado at rikk.prado@randolph.af.mil.

Senior strength training

The fitness center offers a senior strength training class Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. through Sept. 26.

The class covers how to use tubing, weights and low impact aerobics to increase strength, muscle mass and bone density and improve balance.

Senior splash

The fitness center offers a low impact water aerobics class for seniors Thursdays through Aug. 31 from 10-11 a.m. at the center pool.

The class is designed to help strengthen and tone muscles without aggravating joints. The class is recommended for seniors who need to improve circulation and stamina.

Lap swimming

The south pool offers lap swimming Monday through Friday from 6-8 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.

Swimming lessons

Parents can register their children ages 6 weeks and older for swimming lessons at the information, tickets and travel office, Building 897.

The cost is \$25 per session for season pass holders and \$50 per session for all others.

For more information, call 652-6508.

Water aerobics

The fitness center offers water aerobics classes at the center pool Monday and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m.

Fitness classes

The fitness center offers a variety of classes during the week including cycling, step aerobics, body toning, kickboxing, pilates and yoga.

For details, call 652-2955.

Story ideas needed

The Wingspread staff wants to expand its sports section and would like to highlight physically active members of Team Randolph.

If you know someone who fits this description, such as a marathon runner, martial arts instructor or ultimate sports competitor, please send an e-mail to wingspread@randolph.af.mil.